

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1, with the following new paragraph:

-- It is yet another object of the present invention to provide an apparatus and method for providing shipment information which can be utilized to determine the position and/or location of the a shipment. --.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 39, line 14, with the following new paragraph:

-- The database 20H can also contain data and/or information regarding the ~~from~~ form and/or manner of payment and/or payment instructions (i.e. cash on delivery, electronic payment on delivery, allowed credit amount, payment due information, payment due by information, sender's financial account information, etc.). --.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 52, line 13, with the following new paragraph:

-- The information can thereafter be retrieved by the carrier of the shipment and/or by the receiver of the shipment. With reference to Figure 5, the operation of the system 100 commences at step 500. --.